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Up Coming programs

February 1st & March 1st @ Sunday 10am—
Auxiliaries meetings

February 7th - Saturday 10am— Regional Waqfe
Nau Ijtema. (Tahir Academy Class will
continue)

February 20th —Friday — Musleh Maud Day in
masjid @ 7:30pm.

Tahir Academy every Saturday with Atfal/
Nasirat meetings 1st and 3rd Saturdays and
Waqfe Nuh meetings every 2nd and 4th
Saturdays.

Gym for Lajna 12:30pm 2nd & 4th Saturdays
with 1st and 3rd Saturdays cooking lessons.

Gym for boys every Saturday after Zhur with
exception 4th Saturday for Girls.

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Queens Khuddam and Atfal gathering in masjid



Alhamdulillah
Khuddam and
Atfal of Queens
are regularly
holding
programs in the
masjid which is
giving more
opportunity to
come to masjid
and gather for
Tarbiyyat,
Taleem, social
interaction,

increasing brotherhood, playing sports, eating together, and enjoying good time. The attendance is increasing and as we are in the second quarter of the year, more activities are being planned for the up coming months, Inshallah!

Seeratun Nabi Day

On January 4th we held a program at a Non Ahmadi Mosque. This program was help to clear the misunderstandings they may have about Ahmadi Muslims not having love for the Holy Prophet (SAW). Imam Daud Hanif sahib delivered an inspiring lecture on the life of Holy Prophet (saw). He strongly convinced the audience of the true love and respect for the Holy Prophet (SAW) in the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. In this event we had a total of 143 guests. Everybody was given a copy of True Love of Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw), a pen, Jama'at calendar and Muslims for Peace flyer. Two young Nasirat also recited the Qaseeda. All of the audience admired the Jama'at efforts.

Interfaith Meeting

On January 11th we held an interfaith meeting at the Unification Theological Seminary in Manhattan. This event was co-sponsored by the Jama'at and we were the only Muslim community there. We had a total of 43 guests attend this program and every guest was given a copy of Review of Religion. The duration of the program was for about 4hrs.

Debate : Did Jesus die on the cross?.

On January 17th a group called JOOC and a Muslim group arranged a debate in Manhattan. The title of the debate was "Did Jesus die on the cross?" Members of the Jama'at went to observe the program. The debate went on for 7hrs and we had the opportunity to give out 86 books of Jesus in India to the guest.

Martin Luther King Day

On January 19th a New York City council member arranged a program on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This event was held at the Jamaica Performing Arts center. Jama'at Ahmadiyya was specially invited to come attend the event. In this event we met the Congressman, NYS Senator, NYS Assembly member, and a NYC council member. There were a total of 350 guests and each guest received a Muslims for Peace flyer and a Jama'at pen.

Martin Luther King Day at Bait-uz-Zafar.

With the collaboration of the American Clergy Leadership Conference, the Jama'at held a very successful program at Bait uz Zafar mosque on January 24th. Ali Murtuza was the moderator and there were six speakers from different religions (Jews, Muslims, Christian, and Hindu). Every speaker gave a short but comprehensive lecture on Reconciliation and World peace. Imam Daud Hanif sahib was the chair person and Imam Azhar Hanif sahib gave a beautiful presentation. Every guest



was well impressed from the speeches in the event. Despite the freezing snowy day the total attendance was 107 people and from it 57 were guests. All guests were given a copy of *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islam*, *Islam: The Misunderstood Religion*, Jama'at pens, and a selective guest received a copy of the Holy Quran. The Tabligh Department is very thankful to Ziafat team, Audio Video team, and Qaid Khumddam ul Ahmadiyya NY.

Tahir Academy Parents Day:

On the first day of the new semester, most parents showed up with their children. Imam Daud Hanif sahib met with each parent along with their children and discussed their report cards and performance as of last semester. At the same time, he questioned children on how they spend their day after school, and if they pray regularly and recite the Holy Quran. For parents who did not attend, the report cards of their children were withheld and they should contact Shan-ze Hamid for more information.

Quran Classes for adults (Women only):

The Jama'at has started one on one Quran classes for women every Saturday. The class will be taken by Sister Rashidah Hamid. Those interested may contact Sadr Lajna. The class will be run formally with attendance taken and requires registration. The students must attend on a regular basis.

Jama'at short meetings:

As per an Amila decision, at the end of Auxillaries meetings and before the afternoon prayers, there will be a short meeting conducted by the Jama'at giving instructions from the Marqaz and at the same time to remind members of Hazoor's (aba) directives that come our way through the Jummah sermon and other means.

Finance:

Waqfe Jadid and Tarike Jadid pledges:

If each and every earning member plans ahead and spreads their WJ and TJ pledges over the year, it can help in increasing our share in many folds. It is mandatory to sign up for TJ pledges by March, so we look forward for your cooperation in this matter. JazakAllah.

In Waqfe Jadid, among MKA, Queens Majlis stood second in number of participation and among Jamaats we were in 12th place.

Oil to Gas conversion in masjid:

We have under taken several major projects mostly funded by local membership. There was this major project of replacing windows and doors and now we have had the oil heat converted to gas. It took us almost a year to get this working just in time for the wintery days ahead of us. There were many compliances that we had to take care of required by the gas company and government regulations. With the new system, gas will burn the boiler to provide us heat, but if the temperature goes lower than 20F, heat will be provided by oil automatically.

We are grateful for Marqaz and several members of the Jama'at who made this possible. With this change, Jama'at will save considerable amount at the same time move towards being more "green". May Allah bless those who made this possible and also those who volunteered their time that enabled us to get this project come to end. Jazakallah.

Tahajjud on New Year's Day:

Men, women and children gathered early in the early hours of the New Year and started off the year with supplications in accordance to Hazoor's advice on how members should start the New Year as per Khutba Jumma delivered on this topic. One of the advices coming from Hazoor is to pray our Salaat in congregation and we hope that as the year goes by, we can count on members to show up at the Mosque in greater numbers, Inshallah.

Computer Training for women:

We have a volunteer who can teach our ladies Microsoft Office products such as Word and Excel and if you are interested please contact Sadr Lajna.

Marriage:

Nikkah of Furhan Ahmad, son of Aziz Ahmad was announced with Haleigh Toner at Bait-uz Zafar. Congratulations to the newlywed couple.

Ansar Report

This month's regular majlis monthly meeting was held on Sunday, January 4th at Bait-uz-Zafar. The theme of this month meeting was "As a family, how are we doing with congregational prayers?" The recitation of Holy Quran was done by Rashid Ahmad sahib from Chapter 14 Verse 41 & Chapter 31 Verse 18, and the Ansar Pledge was done by Zaeem sahib. Next the Hadith and its tafseer relating to the topic were presented by Mu-barak A. Jamil sahib. Naeem Mansoor sahib presented from the writing of the Promised Messiah (AS) relating to the topic in discussion and Fassasi Sanusi sahib reminded members about the benefit of saying congregational prayers at the mosques. Next, Zaeem sahib, along with Arshad Janjua and Abdul Ghafoor sahib, discussed the questions relating to tarbiyyat by holding an interactive discussion with all the members present and discussed their opinion of the topic of discussion. The discussion about health was led by Ghulam Rabbi Sahib regarding health insurance in the USA.

The members were also reminded about the majlis Ansar chanda, Waqf-e-Jadid and Tehrik-e-Jadid as the New Year has started. Members were reminded to listen to Huzoor's Friday sermon and were told that there is a facility available to join the gym as the group rate is available to the members. Please contact Zaeem sahib for the gym membership.

The meeting concluded with silent prayers and Zuhr & Asr prayers after which lunch was served to the members.

The Ansar leadership conference was held in January 17-18 at Bait-ul-Hameed mosque in Chino, CA. Zoama, Nazmeen and National Amla members were present and the NY majlis was represented by Zaeem majlis.

Majlis Ansarullah New York wishes you a very happy new year to you and your family and may Allah makes you happy and prosperous this year (amen), and make a resolve to come to the mosque more often this year.

Tehrik- e - Jadid

As a directive from national secretary sahib, all members must log on to www.tjusa.org and make your pledges for you and your family for 2015, you can start paying now so by october you will complete your pledge.



LEFT: Khuddam Amla meeting in Khuddam office in masjid

RIGHT: Book Club Meeting every Fridays after isha prayer.



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This month's meeting started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Rashida Hamid and translation by Shaiza Mansoor. She explained further in the commentary that a heart that does not know Quran is bound to destruction. Sister Amina recited the poem Woh Peshwa Hamara in a melodious voice.

Sadia Chaudhry did a speech on the importance of reciting Darood Sharif. This was followed by another speech by Sister Halima which focused on the cleanliness of the mind and body. She gave references about the Holy Prophet (saw) and how he used to wash his feet and kept everything clean. He wanted everything to be kept clean and if he saw something out of place, he would pick it up and place it where it belongs.

These speeches were followed by a panel discussion which was led by Farkhanda Ahmad, Salamat Majeed, and Tehmina Rafiq. Sister Tehmina discussed the married life of the Holy Prophet (SAW). The Holy Prophet (SAW) said that the best among men is the one who treats his wife right. She also discussed the right of having several wives and a total of 12 wives. She also gave the examples of the Holy Prophet's first wife, Hazrat Khadijah (RA), who was a business woman who had been widowed twice and had children from both previous husbands. She herself proposed to the Holy Prophet because she was astounded by his sincerity and good kind heart. The Holy Prophet (SAW) married women of certain tribes to establish friendly relations with those tribes, and widows out of generosity and kindness. He needed a lot of wives to educate Muslims because many women were joining the religion at that time.

Next, Sister Salamat Majeed discussed the morals of the Holy Prophet (SAW). She talked about how, at the time the Holy Prophet was born, the people of Arabia were living like animals and how he made them godly with his training and teachings. Sister Farkhanda Ahmad further discussed the morals of the Holy Prophet (SAW) and how he was the perfect model for all humans. He devoted his whole life to Allah's guidance and used prayers in all aspects of his life..

He was given the titles of Al-Sadeeq and Al-Ameen.

After the panel discussion, Farhana Ahmad recited the poem Badar Gaahay Zeeshan. At this meeting, two new members were introduced to the Lajna: Haleigh Ahmad and Nabila Tahir.

Lastly, there was a final speech by Sadaf Latif in Urdu. The meeting concluded with silent prayer and Zuhr prayer.

-Homaa Hamid



Top: Khuddam shoveling snow in front of masjid



Right: Khuddam and Atfal went bowling after Khuddam meeting.

1. Saturday, January 24, 2015 @ 10am in masjid library Parent / Teacher Conference was held:
 - a. Talked about attendance and what they should wear, listen to Huzur (aba) khutba, parents
 - b. Murabbi Atfal told parents Atfal should give preference to Jama'at activities
 - c. Atfal class conducted by Murabbi Atfal, spoke about Atfal have any issues to talk to murabbi
2. Sunday, January 18, 2015 @ 11am in masjid –Atfal and Khuddam Meeting went to Bowling trip
3. Sports every Saturday after Tahir academy.– 4 times a week
4. 2 atfal class once a month – 1st Saturday and 3rd Saturday
5. collected 33.4% chanda as of 02/01/2014
6. Fajr Fit – every Sunday followed by dars
7. tajneed date is up to date – 72 khuddam updated
8. provided security during Jumma, Eid, and other Jama'at events
9. Training on how to do a security was held on January 18th 2015.
10. held Tarbiyyat discussion in Khuddam meeting
11. khuddam visited Fatema Hanif sahiba house
12. khuddam helped deliver food to food pantry in local church
13. provided job openings to all khuddam via email.
14. took Taleem quiz during Khuddam meeting
15. Book study club every Friday



Khuddam waqr-e-amal during Jama'at program in masjid



Khuddam 2 boxes donated canned food to a local food pantry location un the Holy Temple Church



Khuddam providing security during Jama'at program



Khuddam attended a Seerat-un-Nabi gathering in a Non Ahmadi mosque ad helped distribute 2015 jama'at calendars and literature